

26. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

27. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75713;

(b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75713.

28. (New) The protein of claim 27 which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

29. (New) The protein of claim 27 which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

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